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## CLAG 2014 in Panamá



*A view of Panama City, Panama*

The next CLAG meeting will be in Panama City, Panama, with paper and poster sessions on 7-8 January and a closing banquet on the evening of 8 January 2014. A variety of field trips are planned for 6 and 9-11 January. A call for papers and registration process will be announced by August 2013. The conference will be held at a hotel site in or near Panama City. Our hosts will be the Geography

Department of the University of Panama. Please check the CLAG webpage for updates throughout the next six months.



*The Centennial Bridge across the Culebra Cut provides a backdrop to the Pedro Miguel Locks on the Panama Canal.*

## CLAG Board Election May 2-20, 2013

La lista de nominados para sustituir a los cinco miembros de la Junta de CLAG que culminan su término este julio, se encuentra ahora en la página Web de CLAG. Por favor, use este formulario para votar a favor de no más de cinco candidatos.

El período de votación es del 2 al 20 de mayo de 2013.

The list of members nominated to replace the five CLAG Board members who are finishing their term of office this July is now on the CLAG webpage. Please use this form to vote for no more than five nominees.

The voting period is 2-20 May, 2013.

# Letter to the Members from the CLAG Chair

18 April 2013

Dear Members,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the joint Latin American Specialty Group-CLAG social event on 10 April 2013 in Los Angeles. The event showed that we have superb organizations that collaborate, exchange ideas, and provide a strong social network for us.

I hope to see many of you at our January 2014 meeting in Panamá, and I'm thrilled to report that planning has begun for the May 2015 meeting in Fortaleza, Brazil (see p. 4).

It was an honor to give awards to six young scholars working in Latin America as recipients of CLAG field study awards (see p. 6). Their research proposals were among a very strong field of Master's and Doctoral applicants who indicate that our field is vibrant, that our research questions are compelling, and that our research design is of highest standard.

Since the November 2012 Newsletter the CLAG Officers and several Board members have focused on CLAG finances. I created a Finance Committee with charges relating to financial planning and financial controls. Rob Kent (Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee) and Dan Klooster (past Treasurer) worked in late 2012 to determine CLAG revenue and expenses since 2009. Their work provided the basis for a two-year budget, approved by the Board in April 2013. The budget of ~\$51,000 includes savings (\$8K), student awards (\$9.5K), and producing and distributing the *Journal of Latin American Geography* (\$30.5K). Moreover, the Board also approved the creation of a permanent Finance Committee, which will provide two-year budgets annually for Board approval, as well as financial controls that give Officers more oversight over our bank account. I'm certain that these changes will put CLAG on solid financial footing for the next several years, and I extend thanks to all Finance Committee members (Joe Scarpaci and Claudia Radel in addition to Dan, Rob, David Robinson, and Karl Offen).

Our review of past finances put us in strong position to respond to a challenge: we realized in February 2013 that CLAG had lost its tax-exempt status as of May 2011 for failure to file IRS form 990. In March 2013 I sent several pounds of documents to an IRS office, following their rules for restoring tax-exempt status. I anticipate a positive outcome for us by June 2013.

Best wishes for summer field work, teaching, or relaxation...and when you prepare your next syllabi, don't forget to include *JLAG* articles as mandatory downloads!

With warm regards,

Christian Brannstrom

Chair of CLAG Board

Department of Geography, Texas A&M University

# Letter to the Members from the LASG Chair

Spring 2013

Los Angeles provided sunny skies, while the AAG Meeting offered excellent opportunities to appreciate the quality of research and camaraderie shared with our LASG colleagues. Despite a drop of about 1,000 total registrants from the record breaking New York meeting, Los Angeles still featured important and inventive Latin America focused research with 19 sessions sponsored by LASG, 3rd amongst regional specialty groups, and even more presentations, posters, or panels indexed topically as Latin America. Perhaps equally important, informal discussions with colleagues proved illuminating, engaging, and fruitful. This year, the lively LASG/CLAG social at the Bonaventure Brewing Company provided an ideal occasion to further these discussions. Thanks to all who attended, and our CLAG colleagues for their collaboration.

In 2013 we recognized the impressive efforts of a new generation of student researchers with the LASG Field Study Awards. Congratulations to Nicholas J. Crane (Ohio State University), who received the Ph.D. level Field Study Award for his proposal: *Between Repression and Heroism in Mexico City: Young People's Politics after Tlatelolco*. We would also like to congratulate Margaret Holleman (University of Oklahoma) who received the Master's level Field Study Award for her proposal: *Mediating transborder geographies: Indigenous development, social justice activism, and faith-based motivations in Oaxaca, Mexico*.

Of course, such recognition comes only through the service of regular members. Many thanks to the LASG Field Study Travel Award Committee (Chair Curt Holder, University of Colorado Colorado Springs and Committee Chair; Chris Gaffney, Universidade Federal Fluminense; Johnny Finn, Christopher Newport University; Santiago López, University of Washington Bothell. Your commitment is greatly appreciated. Also thanks to the LASG Student Paper Award Committee (David Cochran, University of Southern Mississippi and Committee Chair; Austin Avwundiogba, California State University Stanislaus; Elvin Delgado, Central Washington University). This committee stood ready, but amazingly did not receive any submissions for best paper despite repeated announcements. Please encourage your students, and those of your colleagues, to take advantage of this opportunity to not only win the \$750 in prize money, but also gain the expert feedback on their research.

Other news from the Annual Meeting relates to membership and marketing. LASG membership stands at 427 as of this writing, above the average of the last five years: 412 members. To better reach these members, LASG membership voted at the Annual Meeting to move our website from the current location hosted by Claudia Radel of Utah State University to the AAG website. This will relieve Claudia of the burden of hosting the site (thanks Claudia!) while increasing access and amenities through the AAG portal. I'll be working with Claudia and Greg Osburn of AAG to migrate the site this summer.

That said, summer is here, and I wish you a most productive and pleasant season!

Saludos y Saudações,

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LASG Chair 2012-2014  
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# **Conferences, Speakers, Field Schools**

## **CLAG 2015 in Fortaleza, Brazil**

CLAG will meet in Brazil during 26-31 May 2015, hosted by Dr. Christian Dennys Monteiro de Oliveira and Dr. Eustógio Wanderley Correia Dantas, both of whom are associate professors in the Departamento de Geografia of the Universidade Federal do Ceará (UFC) in Fortaleza, Brazil. The UFC, founded in 1954, is located in Fortaleza, and offers MA and PhD in Geography. Drs. Monteiro and Dantas offered a compelling proposal for hosting the CLAG meeting, which the Board enthusiastically accepted.

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## **Latin American Security: Implications for Canadian and International Policy**

May 2 & 3, 2013, University of Calgary.

Keynote speaker: Ambassador Adam Blackwell, Secretary of Multidimensional Security, Organization of American States

This colloquium draws together specialists on Caribbean and Latin American security from academia, the private sector and government to examine how the security environment in the region is evolving and what the implications are of those security challenges for the citizens and governments of the region and in particular for Canadian interests.

<http://larc.ucalgary.ca/2013-conference>

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## **Congress Of The Canadian Association For Latin American And Caribbean Studies (CALACS)**

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada May 03-05, 2013

This year CALACS meets under the theme Canada and the Americas: Travelling Knowledges-Peoples-Solidarities, at Carleton University in Ottawa. The objective of this CALACS Congress is to reflect on the legacy of interactions between Canada and the other nations and peoples of the Americas, and to point the way toward new forms of cooperation and solidarity. Located in the nation's capital, this conference will bring together a wide range of people representing diverse sectors, bringing together not only academics but also parliamentarians, civil society representatives, activists, and artists. The organizing process included representatives of 17 universities from all over Canada.

<http://www.calacscongress2013.org/>

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## **UNBC-EPAF 2nd Interdisciplinary Field School to Ayacucho, Peru, August 2013**

A small interdisciplinary team including CLAGista **Catherine Nolin** (University of Northern British Columbia) is partnered with the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team (EPAF) for the 2nd UNBC-EPAF Interdisciplinary Field School to Ayacucho, Peru in August 2013. Interested in participating? View our website at: <http://explearn.gis.unbc.ca/fieldschools/peru/> and a field school trailer at: <http://vimeo.com/58642468>. Contact: Catherine Nolin ([nolin@unbc.ca](mailto:nolin@unbc.ca)).

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## **IV Congreso Latinoamericano de Agroecología, Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, Lima, Perú, 10-12 setiembre 2013**

La Sociedad Científica Latinoamericana de Agroecología SOCLA, fue creada para promover la reflexión, discusión e intercambio científico sobre agroecología entre investigadores, docentes y promotores de la región. SOCLA es parte del movimiento agroecológico mundial. SOCLA organiza cada 2 años el Congreso Latinoamericano de Agroecología. Estos congresos marcan el estado del arte de la agroecología tanto en la región latinoamericana e Iberoamérica. En estos eventos SOCLA reúne tanto a académicos como agricultores organizados, propiciando el diálogo y acuerdos que se difunden a través de la Carta Agroecológica al final de cada evento. El tema central de este Congreso está enfocado hacia la pequeña agricultura: base de la agricultura del siglo XXI, como eje central de investigación y discusión. La comisión organizadora del IV Congreso los invita a participar de este importante evento Latinoamericano.

<http://www.socla-peru.com/>

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## **UNBC Geography-Rights Action 7th Field School to Guatemala, May 2014**

**Catherine Nolin** & Grahame Russell of Rights Action are partnering for their seventh field school to Guatemala in May 2014 including undergraduate, Masters and PhD students. For the first time, we are open to receiving applications from students beyond UNBC. Interested students? Contact **Catherine Nolin** at [nolin@unbc.ca](mailto:nolin@unbc.ca). We plan this one well ahead and will distribute applications starting in September 2013.

# Honors & Awards

## CLAG Student Field Study Awards

### Ph.D. level Awards

**Bernard Nietschmann Award:** **Gary LaVanchy**, Univ Denver (advisor: **Matthew Taylor**), "Water Resources and Tourism Development along the Western Coast of Nicaragua: A Political Ecology Perspective"

**James J. Parsons Award:** **Christopher Hartmann**, Ohio State Univ (advisor: **Becky Mansfield**), "Governing health and managing garbage in Managua, Nicaragua"

**Robert B. West Award:** **Teresa Bornschlegl**, Clark Univ (advisor: **Anthony Bebbington**), "Environmental law enforcement and the possibilities for socio-ecological justice in the hydrocarbon sector in Ecuador"

### Master's level Awards

**William M. Denevan Award:** **Richard Johnson**, Univ Arizona (advisor: **Elizabeth Oglesby**), "Debt Landscapes: Migration, Loan Default, and Land Change in Rural Guatemala"

**Oscar Horst Award:** **Lisa Green**, Utah State Univ (advisor: **Claudia Radel**), "Climate Change Vulnerability in Calakmul, Mexico"

**Clarissa Kimber Award:** **Jared Van Ramshorst**, San Diego State Univ (advisor: **Fernando Bosco**), "Spaces of Possibility: Transnational networks in Oaxaca, Mexico"

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## LASG Field Study Awards

### Ph.D. Level Award

**Nicholas J. Crane**, Ohio State University, "Between Repression and Heroism in Mexico City: Young People's Politics after Tlatelolco."

### Master's Level Award

**Margaret Holleman**, University of Oklahoma, "Mediating transborder geographies: Indigenous development, social justice activism, and faith-based motivations in Oaxaca, Mexico."



# Honors & Awards

## New Teaching Positions

**Amy E. Potter**, Ph.D. (Louisiana State University), Assistant Professor of Geography at Armstrong Atlantic University, starting Fall 2013.

**Anne-Marie Hanson**, Ph.D. (University of Arizona). In Fall 2013, she will be the "McGill Visiting Professor of International Studies" at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

**Jamie McEvoy**, ABD (University of Arizona), has accepted a tenure-track position as a resource geographer in the Department of Earth Sciences at Montana State University, Bozeman.

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## Other Honors & Awards

**Zoe Pearson**, Ph.D. student, The Ohio State University, has been selected as a recipient of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellowship (for policy relevant research in Latin America), to fund her dissertation research in Bolivia this summer and fall. **Zoe** adds "Thank you to CLAG for the research grant that funded my preliminary research last summer and enabled me to write a competitive application for the SSRC!"

**Case Watkins**, ABD, Louisiana State University, Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fulbright, Jan-Dec 2012, Brazil.

**Lily House-Peters**, University of Arizona, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Mexico for the Academic Year 2013-2014 to carry out her dissertation research in Sonora, Mexico, title "Desert Forests & Flows: Riparian Communities, Climate Adaptation & Geopolitics in Sonora." Her Ph.D. advisor is **Christopher Scott**.

**William Woods**, University of Kansas 2013. Awarded Honorary Doctorate in the Historical-Philosophical Faculty at Uppsala University, Sweden.

**Nicholas L. Padilla** received the Advanced Opportunity Fellowship from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the 2013-2014 academic year. He will return to Popayán, Colombia in the fall to continue his dissertation fieldwork on indigenous development and nature.

**David Salisbury**, Chair of LASG, received tenure and has been promoted to Associate Professor at the University of Richmond.

## Honors & Awards

**Kristen Conway-Gómez** earned tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Anthropology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

**Laurel Bellante**, University of Arizona will attend the Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security this May at Purdue University. It is a 2-week long learning program for graduate students attending U.S. institutions who are interested in developing a holistic understanding of the conceptual challenges around global food security. Laurel has also been selected as a 2013-14 Carson Scholar (funded by the Institute of the Environment, University of Arizona). This fellowship aims to cultivate interdisciplinary research and public outreach of scholarly work. Laurel will use the Carson funds and network support to produce a video about small-scale, agroecological food production in Chiapas, Mexico.

**Nicholas Jon Crane**, The Ohio State University, 2013 Tinker Field Research Grant, The Tinker Foundation, project title: "Between Repression and Heroism: Young People's Politics in Mexico City After 1968."

**Nicholas Jon Crane**, 2012 International Affairs Grant, Office of International Affairs at The Ohio State University, project title: "Between Repression and Heroism: Youth Movement Politics After Tlatelolco"

**Nicholas Jon Crane**, 2012 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Political Geography Specialty Group of the AAG, project title: "Students, Activism, and the Archive After Tlatelolco"

**Marcellus Caldas** received the International Educator Award of the Year - Kansas State University 2012.

**Marcellus Caldas** received NSF funds for Collaborative Research: Direct and Indirect Drivers of Land Cover Change in the Brazilian Cerrado: The Role of Public Policy, Market Forces, and Sugar-cane Expansion. (PI-Marcellus Caldas).

**Andrew Sluyter**, Louisiana State University, Digital Innovation Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies, *Internet-Based Geographic Information System (GIS) of Nineteenth-Century Atlantic Commodity Networks*, 2012-13.

<http://www.acls.org/research/fellow.aspx?cid=oed7685e-d76d-e111-bd9e-000c293a51f7>



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## **Recent Graduates**

**Anne-Marie Hanson**, PhD Geography and Development. University of Arizona. Faculty Advisor: Dr. **Sarah Moore**. Dissertation Title: "Unclean and Unnatural: The Production of Garbage, Nature, and Spaces of Development in Coastal Yucatán."

**Heather Putnam**, Ph.D., "The Political Ecology of Food Insecurity in Smallholder Coffee Cooperatives in Northern Nicaragua." Advisor, **J. Christopher Brown**. University of Kansas.

**John Kelly**, Ph.D., with honors, "Village-Scale Practices and Water Sources in Indigenous Mexico after the Neoliberalizing of Social Property," Department of Geography, University of Kansas. Advisor: Peter Herlihy.

**Lisa Rausch**, Ph.D., "Environmental Governance as a Development Strategy: The Case of Lucas do Rio Verde Legal." Advisor, **J. Christopher Brown**. University of Kansas.

**Abelardo Renward Pérez Monroy**. *Mercado Laboral y precariedad en la periferia urbana de Morelia, Michoacán*. Maestría en Geografía. (Urbana y Regional). FFyL, IGG.UNAM. 19 de octubre de 2012. Aprobado con Mención Honorífica Antonio Vieyra.

**Clemencia E. Sánchez Cortés**. Bases agroecológicas para el aprovechamiento sustentable de los hongos silvestres comestibles de Santa Catarina Juquila, Oaxaca, México. Maestría en Ciencias en Productividad de Agroecosistemas. Instituto Tecnológico del Valle de Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Oaxaca. 5 de Septiembre de 2012. Marta Astier.

**Yurixhi Manriquez Bucio**. Paisaje, minería y medio ambiente en Temascaltepec y San Simón de Guerrero, Estado de México. Maestría en Geografía. FFyL, CIGA. UNAM. 14 de diciembre de 2012. Claudio Garibay.

**Susana Hernández Sánchez**. Construcción de un Proceso de Participación y Organización en el Manejo de la Microcuenca La Joya (Querétaro). Maestría en Gestión Integrada de Cuencas, Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro. 16 de Diciembre de 2012. Ana Burgos.

**Nestor Corona**. Evaluación de vulnerabilidad a Tsunamis en Coyutlán, Colima. Doctorado en Geografía. FFyL, CIGA. UNAM. 02 de marzo de 2013. Mención honorífica. María Teresa Ramírez.

**Pamela K. Sertzen**, MA, "Experiencing Violence: Children and the Marginalized Urban Space of the Brazilian Favela," The University of Texas at Austin, Faculty Advisor: Rebecca M. Torres

## CLAG Members Leading Trips to Cuba

For citizens of the United States it is illegal to travel to Cuba, but in recent years they have been able to travel legally on People-to-People Exchanges approved by the US State Department. Two CLAG members are running such trips!

**Joe Scarpaci** reports that his Center for the Study of Cuban Culture and Economy has managed eight trips to Cuba since September, bringing 190 travelers to the island. The Center's license was renewed until 2014 June. Joe's "Biking Cuba" includes visits with the people of Havana, Las Terrazas, Pinar del Río, San Diego de los Baños plus Bahía Honda, all while bicycling on mostly lowlands, rolling hills and car-free highways and byways. There is still space on a bicycle trip June 8-15 (Havana to Pinar del Rio and back; with a sag vehicle for your comfort and ease!). More information can be had at <http://www.cubancultureeconomy.org>.

Candela Cuba Tours, led by **Sarah Blue** and her husband **Ramon Morejon**, have openings for two very affordable one-week guided trips to Cuba this July and December: June 29th-July 6th and December 28th-4th. Experience first-hand the uniquely Cuban approaches to environmental sustainability and tourism, including colonial Havana, an urban garden and collective farm, the biosphere reserve Las Terrazas, a pig roast, salsa dance lessons, dinner with Cuban experts and more. All profits will go toward start-up capital for a Cuban entrepreneur to establish her own bed-and-breakfast. Please contact Sarah Blue at [sblue@txstate.edu](mailto:sblue@txstate.edu) for more information.

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## Summer Plans of CLAG & LASG Members

**Matthew Taylor**, University of Denver, continues his research along the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua and will be there this summer along with MA student **Nikolai Alvarado** and doctoral student **Gary Lavanchy**.

**Pamela K. Sertzen** will be in Rio de Janeiro through June and July of this summer doing some preliminary dissertation research. She would love to meet up with others doing fieldwork this summer.

**J. Christopher Brown** will be conducting exploratory fieldwork in the state of Maranhão, Brazil with researchers from the Universidade Federal de Maranhão interested in studying the human and environmental dynamics of the expansion of mechanized agriculture in the cerrado. This work will follow a meeting of the US-Brazil Network in São Luiz, Maranhão in June, a network founded in spring 2012 initially involving the Universities of Colorado, Kansas, Wisconsin, and institutions in Brazil including the Universidade de São Paulo, the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisa da Amazônia (INPA), and the Universidade Federal de Maranhão.

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In June 2013, **Christian Brannstrom** will co-lead a group of Texas A&M University undergraduates to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as part of a faculty-led study abroad program with colleague Steven Quiring.

**Andrea Hall** is a PhD student at the University of South Florida in the Environmental Science and Policy program. She will be traveling down to Chiapas, Mexico later this month (April) to conduct fieldwork related to the development of ecotourism in the Reserva de la Biosfera Selva El Ocote.

**Taylor E. Mack**, will travel to Havana, Cuba, in August on a “People To People Exchange” led by CLAG member **Sarah Blue**.

**Nicholas Jon Crane** (The Ohio State University) will be in Mexico City in May-June for interviews, archival work, and participant-observation amidst contemporary student activism and commemorations of past activism.

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## News From CLAG & LASG Members

In March 2013, **University of Northern British Columbia** Geography and the Tsilhqot’in First Nation hosted Leocadio Juracan, Executive Director of the Camepsino Committee of the Highlands (CCDA), who traveled through British Columbia and the Yukon on a solidarity/alliance building tour with Canadian solidarity & First Nations communities.

**Kevin Anchukaitis** and **Matthew Taylor** are beginning a new phase of their climate research in Central America. This new work builds on their recent work in which they established a firm basis for dendroclimatology in Guatemala using two tropical conifer species, most notably *Abies guatemalensis* (Guatemalan Fir). They confirmed that both *Abies guatemalensis* and *Pinus hartwegii* record a boreal spring and dry season precipitation signal (Anchukaitis et al., 2013). In this research they located and sampled four hundred year-old living trees, no easy feat in a country like Guatemala where rural populations rely on trees for building and for firewood. In the new work they will attempt to reconstruct droughts in Guatemala and Honduras.

**William Denevan** has a new email address: [williamdenevan@gmail.com](mailto:williamdenevan@gmail.com)

**Joe Scarpaci**, while at the AAG in Los Angeles, gave a talk to the World Affairs Council of Los Angeles, titled "The ABCs of Cuba in 2013" and gave a live interview to KCBS Radio (San Francisco) on whether the Jay-z and Beyoncé trip was legal (it was), and what the future economic challenges are in Cuba. Last December, he gave a lecture to the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville and participated on a NPR talk-radio show in the same city.

## News From CLAG & LASG Members

**Niki vonHedemann**, used her 2012 CLAG Field Study Award last year to do her Master's field work in Guatemala ("Communities and Forestry Incentives: Evaluation of Opportunity and Access in the Guatemalan Highlands"), and is planning to defend on May 6. She will return to Guatemala this summer with Foreign Language and Areal Studies funding to begin to study K'iche' in Quetzaltenango. She is continuing at Univ. of Arizona for her PhD, studying forestry incentive programs, a type of payment for ecosystem services in Guatemala.

**J. Christopher Brown**, Department of Geography at the University of Kansas and Director of the KU Environmental Studies Program has led the founding of the KU-Land Institute Initiative, a partnership with the Land Institute of Salina, Kansas. The initiative is designed to increase interdisciplinary research and training regarding the development of agriculture involving perennial polycultures. The initiative hosted researchers Valentin Picasso and Pablo Speranza from Uruguay's Universidad de la Republica in March 2013 to discuss joint research and exchange opportunities.

**David J. Keeling** has been appointed a University Distinguished Professor of Geography at Western Kentucky University, effective July 2012, in recognition of excellence in teaching, research, and service over the past 20 years. A maximum of two faculty are selected from an eligible pool each year, for a term of five years. **David** also took over as **Editor for the Americas** for the *Journal of Transport Geography* (Elsevier) in April 2012, taking over from Andy Goetz (Denver). He is actively seeking manuscripts on transport geography theories and practices from Latin American and Latin Americanista colleagues.

Univeristy of Northern British Columbia graduate student **Kirk Walker** (in association with the EPAF) produced a 16 min. documentary: "Ayacucho: Studying Human Rights in the Andes" based on the 1st field school in June 2012. **Catherine Nolin** served as Executive Producer. View at: <http://vimeo.com/57858245>

**Catherine Nolin** and graduate student **Erica Henderson** will travel to the Congress of Latin American Forensic Anthropology (ALAF) in October 2013 in Caracas, Venezuela. Interested in the spatial dimensions of forensic analysis and the search for justice in Latin America? This Congress builds on the great conference organized by the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation (FAFG) in Antigua, Guatemala in October 2012 and conference organizers are keen to pursue interdisciplinary approaches. Details at: <http://alafforensis.org/ix-congreso-latinoamericano-de-antropologia-forense/>

## News From CLAG & LASG Members

**Catherine Nolin** (University of Northern British Columbia) and Adjunct Geography faculty member **Grahame Russell** (Co-Director of Rights Action) continue to support the community members of Lote 8 (Guatemala) in their civil lawsuits against HudBay Minerals related to the gang rape of 11 women during a series of violent evictions in 2007, the murder of community leader Adolfo Ich, and the paralyzation of German Chub in 2009. These cases emerged out of field work conducted with the communities in 2010-2013. See: <http://www.chocversushudbay.com/>

**Emma Gaalaas Mullaney**, The Pennsylvania State University, is currently pursuing a dual-PhD in Geography (advisor: **Karl Zimmerer**) and Women's Studies at the Pennsylvania State University and has recently returned from her dissertation fieldwork in the eastern Central Highland region of Mexico. Her research centers on an ethnography of maize production and agrobiodiversity, with a particular interest in how human and nonhuman actors work to enable and disrupt processes of agricultural modernization. She lived in the region for over a year, conducting livelihood studies and oral histories with small-scale, commercially-oriented maize farmers in the Amecameca Valley, and with agricultural extension technicians and scientific researchers working in the nearby Texcoco Valley. Her research was supported by a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (running from August-November 2012), and the Evelyn L. Pruitt Dissertation Fellowship December 2012-August 2013) from the Society of Women Geographers. <http://www.iswg.org/fellowships/pruitt-fellowships>

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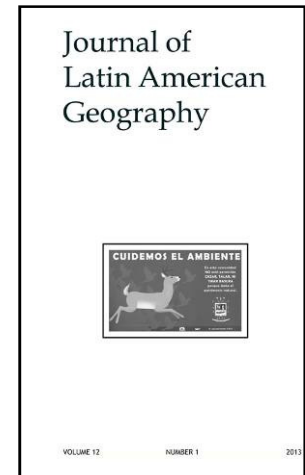
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A special issue on the Latin American Commons



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*All JLAG articles are available to download from Project Muse as PDF files.*



**Andrew Sluyter**

Louisiana State University

**Black Ranching Frontiers:  
African Cattle Herders of the  
Atlantic World, 1500-1900**

November 2012

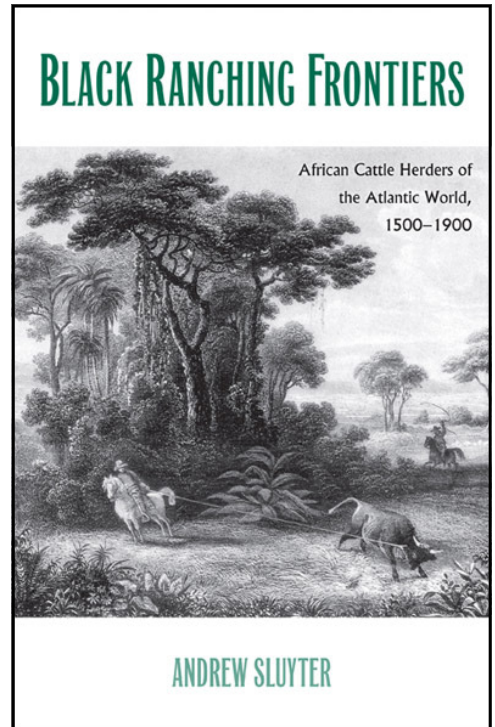
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In this groundbreaking book Andrew Sluyter demonstrates for the first time that Africans played significant creative roles in establishing open-range cattle ranching in the Americas. In so doing, he provides a new way of looking at and studying the history of land, labor, property, and commerce in the Atlantic world.

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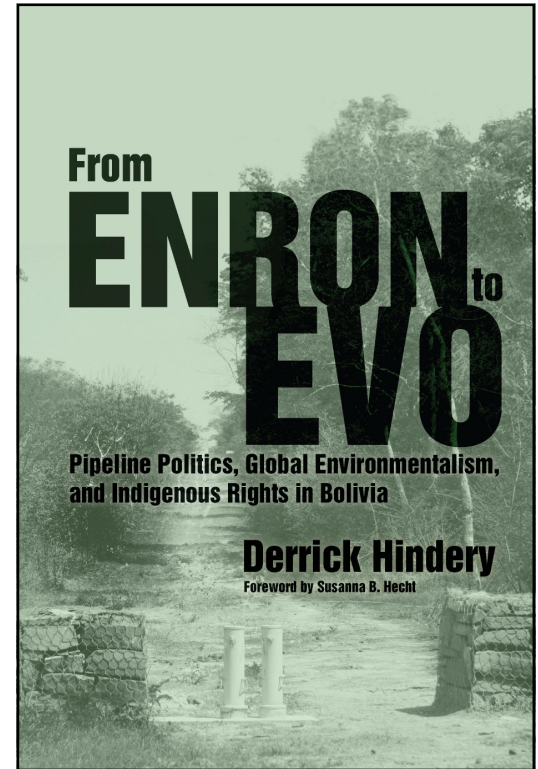
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After a severe stroke in 2009 **Cesar N. Caviedes** (University of Florida) is back in action. Since 2000 his research has concentrated on the detection of El Niño and Southern Oscillation effects in historical sources and archive documents, and testing their occurrence against geo-chronological records by means of probability contingency tables and Bayesian statistics. With Dr. Margarita S. Gascón (CONICET, Mendoza, Argentina) he has published “Trazas de la Pequeña Edad Glacial en el extremo sur de Sudamérica (1618-1810).” *Internacional Center for Earth Sciences E-ICES* 6 (2010), p. 131-138 [<http://www.imd.uncu.edu.ar/upload/actas-e-ices-6.pdf>]; “El Remonte Térmico de finales del periodo colonial en Chile y Argentina.” *Internacional Center for Earth Sciences E-ICES* 7 (2011): p. 138-143. [<http://www.imd.uncu.edu.ar/upload/actas-e-ices-7.pdf>]; and “Clima y sociedad en Argentina y Chile durante el período colonial.” *Anuario Colombiano de Historia Social y la Cultura* 39/12 (2012), p. 159-185. With Peter R. Waylen he authored the peer-reviewed article “Rapa Nui: A climatically constrained island?” *Rapa Nui Journal. The Journal of the Easter Island Foundation* 25/1 (2011), p. 7-22. In July 2013 his contribution “Der Niedergang der Regionalen Studien“ (The decline of regional studies) will appear in the Festschrift honoring Professor Christoph Stadel, Geographisches Institut der Universität Innsbruck, Austria. Notwithstanding the general pessimist tone of this paper, it contains very positive concepts about CLAG.

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